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## Office Action Summary

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-9, 11-13, 25 and 27-29 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is in response to application 10/796422 filed on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2004 in which claims 1-42 are presented for examination.

#### ***Status of Claims***

Claims 1-42 are pending of which claims 1-2, 7, 10, 14 and 42 are independent form.

Claims 3-6, 8-9, 11-13, 25 and 27-29 are currently objected to.

Claims 3-6, 15-16, 18-24, 26, 29-34, 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph.

Claims 1, 15-17, 21-24, 26, 29-31, and 39-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claims 3-6, 18-20 and 32-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

#### ***Priority***

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers filed on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2004 purporting to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 119(e) (first page of specification claims benefit to a provisional application) and they have been placed of record in the file. Attention is directed to the fact that the date for which priority is claimed is not the date of the first

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filed application acknowledged in the oath or declaration. Please provide the provisional application number.

### ***Claim Objections***

1. A series of singular dependent claims is permissible in which a dependent claim refers to a preceding claim which, in turn, refers to another preceding claim.

A claim which depends from a dependent claim should not be separated by any claim which does not also depend from said dependent claim. It should be kept in mind that a dependent claim may refer to any preceding independent claim. In general, applicant's sequence will not be changed. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

2. Claims 3-6 are objected to because of the following informalities: they depend from a following claim rather than a preceding claim. Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claims 8-9, 11-13, 25 and 27-28 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for depending from a nonexistent claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. Accordingly the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

4. Claim 29 is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "data fields includes" should be data fields include. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 3-6 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims are indefinite because they do not refer to the same subject matter. Claims 3-6 depend from claim 38 which is a method claim, however claims 3-6 are directed towards a computer system. Claims 18-20 depend from claim 4 which is a system claim however claims 18-20 are directed towards a method. Appropriate correction is required.

7. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 3 recites the limitations "said application control process" in line one and "said linked application database" in line two and "said plurality of applications" in line three. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

8. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant

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regards as the invention. Claim 4 recites the limitations "said application control process" in line one and "said unified application interface" in line two and "said plurality of applications" in line three. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

9. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 5 recites the limitations "said unified application" in line one and "said application control process" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

10. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 6 recites the limitation "said plurality of applications" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

11. Claims 15-16, 24, 26 and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite the limitation "said unified user-interface" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

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12. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 16 recites the limitation "said selected task" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

13. Claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite the limitation "said rule sets" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

14. Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 21 recites the limitation "said project data" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

15. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 22 recites the limitations "linking" in line one, "said other tasks" in line two and "said related projects" in line three. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

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16. Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 23 recites the limitations "said selected task" in line one, "said one or more tasks" in line 4, "said project data" in line 5, "said one or more data fields" in line 6 and "said application programs" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

17. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 24 recites the limitation "said selected task" in line five. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

18. Claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 29 recites the limitation "said data fields" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

19. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 30 recites the limitation "said selected task" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.



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20. Claims 32 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite the limitation "said one or more data fields" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

21. Claims 33 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite the limitation "said plurality of projects" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

22. Claims 38, 3-6 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 38 recites the limitation "said one or more tasks" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Regarding claims 3-6 and 18-20, they are rejected for depending from a rejected claim.

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23. Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 39 recites the limitation "said one or more data fields" in line one. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

24. Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 40 recites the limitation "said one or more data fields" in lines one and two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

25. Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 41 recites the limitations "said one or more computer application programs" in line one and "said one or more data fields" in line two. There is insufficient antecedent basis for these limitations in the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

26. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

27. Claims 1, 15-17, 21-24, 26, 29-31, and 39-41 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zondervan et al. US 2003/0115572 A1.

Regarding claim 1, Zondervan discloses "a method for using and creating a plurality of applications within a unified application environment" as a method for application development (paragraph 16),

"creating one application that includes a graphical user-interface" as creating an application utilizing a graphical user interface (paragraph 22),

"one application is adapted for using and managing said plurality of applications through said graphical user-interface" as using a graphical user interface to interact with multiple applications (paragraph 22), and

"graphical user-interface is the only user-interface seen by a user" as only showing one graphical user interface to the user (paragraph 118, Fig. 11).

Regarding claim 2, Zondervan discloses "a unified application interface" as a user interface that enables a user to access data from a plurality of applications (paragraph 25), "an application control process" as a user interface which contains process that allow a user to interact with other applications without using their native interfaces (paragraph 22), "a linked application database" as a database that is linked to the applications being used (paragraph 75, Fig. 7), and "said unified interface, said

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application control process, and said linked application database are context sensitive and are programmable via said unified application interface" as all parts of the system are controlled and programmed through the application interface (paragraph 22, Fig. 11).

Regarding claim 7, Zondervan discloses "a computer system suitable for providing a plurality of client access to a plurality of distributed applications" as a system where clients can access applications (Fig. 7), "at least one client computer including: a unified application interface" as a client with a user interface (paragraph 76), "a proxy for an application control process located on a server" as a web service running on a server (paragraph 76), "a linked dataset component" as a database (Fig. 7, paragraph 75), "said server computer including: said application control process" as a server which includes the application control processes and is capable of calling other applications (paragraph 81), "a linked application database controlled by said application control process" as a database linked to the server and controlled by the application control process (Fig. 8), and "a network coupling said at least one client computer and said server" as a network connecting the client and server (paragraph 75).

Regarding claim 10, Zondervan discloses "a server computer including: an application control process" as a server which includes the application control processes and is capable of calling other applications (paragraph 81), "a linked application database controlled by said application control process" as a database

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linked to the server and controlled by the application control process (Fig. 8), "a presentation server operable to provide a unified application interface to a remote client" as an application interface provided to users (paragraph 71), "said remote client capable of generating a display window provided by said presentation server" as the client executes an application in order to view the interface (paragraph 76) and "a coupling between said server computer and said remote client" as a network connecting the client and server (paragraph 75).

Regarding claim 14, Zondervan discloses "creating a unified user-interface for defining a template comprising one or more tasks for at least one project from said plurality of projects" as a single user interfaces that allows a user to create a template which contains one or more tasks (paragraphs 22-23),

"defining project data that is associated with said at least one project" as submitting data and retrieving data that relates to the project (paragraph 57),

"linking said project data such that said one or more tasks associated with said at least one project and other tasks associated with related projects share a unified view of said project data" as storing the data in a database such that all tasks have the same view of the data (paragraph 77),

"adapting said unified user-interface to allow: display and selection of said at least one project; display of and selection for performing said one or more tasks from said template; and display and selection of one or more data fields that are based on said selected task and that are associated with one more application programs used for

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performing said selected task” as a user interface where templates are displayed and a user can select an entire application (project) or one or more components (tasks) and data fields necessary for the selected components (paragraphs 110-112), and

“said unified user-interface is adapted for automatically executing said one or more computer application programs for performing said selected task” as a user interface that executes the applications in order to perform the selected tasks (paragraph 172).

Regarding claim 15, Zondervan discloses “using one or more multipurpose GUI boxes that can be used for: [...] listing options” as a drop down menu box (paragraph 120, Fig. 11).

Regarding claim 16, Zondervan discloses “unified user-interface is further adapted to allow display of results from completion of said selected task” as sending the results to the user (paragraph 124, Fig. 15).

Regarding claim 17, Zondervan discloses “developing rule sets for managing project data” as developing applications (paragraph 22) that manage data (paragraph 25).

Regarding claim 21, Zondervan discloses “re-designating one or more components of said project data to a pre-determined different project” as reusing

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components of application in a different application (paragraph 163) and “when a pre-determined set of project-designation rules are satisfied” as prerecording interactions between applications (paragraph 169). Also, data will be re-designated for particular devices according to predetermined rules (paragraph 171).

Regarding claim 22, Zondervan discloses “linking further comprises: triggering performance of one or more of said other tasks associated with said related projects” as executing a task associated with an application (paragraph 172).

Regarding claim 23, Zondervan discloses “receiving received data wherein said received data is received in response to performing said one or more tasks and is automatically integrated into said project data” as receiving data in response to executing a task and further using that data (paragraph 172), and “modifying one or more values corresponding to said one or more data fields associated with said application programs” as a user inputting data into a data field (paragraph 87).

Regarding claim 24, Zondervan discloses “user-interface is further adapted for allowing display and selection for execution of: one or more operating system commands” as a user interface where an application is programmed (paragraph 22) and such application uses operating system commands (paragraph 3), and “one or more external computer application programs that are incidental to performing said selected task” as selecting and executing external applications (paragraph 25).

Regarding claim 26, Zondervan discloses “user-interface is further adapted for displaying a next calendared event” as displaying an itinerary to a user (paragraph 7).

Regarding claim 29, Zondervan discloses “said data fields includes a status data field for designating a status of said project” as a status message field (paragraph 174).

Regarding claim 30, Zondervan discloses “user-interface displays task instructions for performing said selected tasks” as a view which displays what tasks are to be performed to achieve the result (paragraph 110).

Regarding claim 31, Zondervan discloses “user-interface is adapted for displaying project description and global instructions” as a user interface that generates descriptions of the project (paragraph 116) and displays global instructions (paragraph 110).

Regarding claim 39, Zondervan discloses “one or more data fields are adapted to being de-activated or re-activated by a user” as components (data fields) that may be reused by a user (re-activated) or deleted (de-activated) depending on the user’s needs (paragraphs 169-170).



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Regarding claim 40, Zondervan discloses "creating default values for said one or more data fields" as associating variables with data fields (paragraph 87).

Regarding claim 41, Zondervan discloses "one or more computer application programs and said one or more data fields are accessed via the Internet" as accessing data and applications over the internet by using a URL (paragraph 87).

28. Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bashen et al. U.S. Pat. 6,985,922 B1.

Regarding claim 42, Bashen discloses "a computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions for managing employee data" as a computer system for managing employee data that inherently has a computer readable medium (col. 13 ln. 33-42),

"extracting employee position management information in a first form that is associated with a first source computerized employee position management system" as retrieving employee position information from a database (col. 22 ln. 52-65, Fig. 4c),

"converting the employee position management information in the first form into employee position management information that is in a second intermediate form" as using the information to generate something that is human readable the data must be transformed from its first (stored) form to another form (col. 49, ln. 1-13), and

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“converting the employee position management information in the second intermediate form into employee position management information in a target form that corresponds to a target computerized employee position management system” as converting the employee data into a form for a specific device (col. 49 ln. 17-20).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

29. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

30. Claims 3-6, 18-20 and 32-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zondervan in view of Sinn et al. US 2002/0174238 A1.

Regarding claim 32, Zondervan discloses “selectively displays said one or more data fields” as specifying which data is to be displayed (paragraph 128). Zondervan does not disclose “based on access and control rights of a user who is using said interface” however this is taught by Sinn as providing access control rights which controls what a user is allowed to view (paragraph 158).

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Regarding claim 33, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights associated with said plurality of projects" however this is taught by Sinn as an attribute in a user profile that indicates what projects the user is working on (paragraph 143) and providing access rights for a user (paragraph 158).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

Regarding claim 34, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights associated with said one or more data fields" however this is taught by Sinn as defining access rights for attributes (data fields) (paragraph 162).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

Regarding claim 35, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights for creating any new projects" however Sinn teaches this as defining access rights for a user (paragraph 158) and having a user attribute that indicates what projects a user is working on (paragraph 143) thus access rights for working on projects are disclosed.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

Regarding claim 36, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights for creating any new tasks" however Sinn teaches this as providing access control which controls what a user is allowed to do (paragraph 158).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

Regarding claim 37, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights for modifying said plurality of projects" however this is taught by Sinn as setting access rights for a project attribute of a user (paragraphs 143 and 158).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

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Regarding claim 38, Zondervan does not disclose "defining access and control rights for modifying said one or more tasks" however this is taught by Sinn as having access rights for a user where the access right determine whether a user is allowed to modify or not (paragraph 158).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Zondervan by adding access rights as taught by Sinn for the purpose of control. Access rights are well known and yield predictable results.

Regarding claim 3, Zondervan discloses "application control process populates said linked application database with data and linking information related to said plurality of applications" as writing data to a database which is linked to the plurality of applications being used (paragraph 80, 178).

Regarding claim 4, Zondervan discloses "application control process is capable of opening within said unified application interface a native interface associated with a one of said plurality of applications" as prompting a user for input by opening a interface associated with an application (paragraph 87).

Regarding claim 5, Zondervan discloses "application interface and said application control process are a single logical unit" as a single user interface which also controls the applications it is interacting with (paragraph 22).

Regarding claim 6, Zondervan discloses "said plurality of applications are distributed across a plurality of computers" as using external applications which are distributed across the internet and thus inherently consist of a plurality of computers (paragraph 16).

Regarding claim 18, Zondervan discloses "rule sets include rules for: parsing information in received data for purposes of updating project data" as obtaining the desired data from a response (paragraph 178) and "said received data is received in response to said one or more tasks in said at least one project" as sending data is simply one of the tasks in the overall application (project) (paragraph 175).

Regarding claim 19, Zondervan discloses "parsing information in received data for purposes of determining with which project said received data is to be associated" as interacting with the data in such a way that the particular application (project) for which the data concerns can be identified (paragraph 178).

Regarding claim 20, Zondervan discloses "storing received data in a manner such that said received data is associated with said at least one project" as storing received data in a manner such that it can be used for the project at a later time (paragraph 178), and

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"said received data is received in response to said one or more tasks in said at least one project" as receiving the data in response to a task which is only part of a project (paragraphs 173-5).

### ***Conclusion***

31. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ferguson et al. US 2005/0028158 A1 discloses managing multiple application with one interface.

Greco et al. US 2002/120680 A1 discloses an interface that allows a user to control multiple services.

Habichler et al. US 2007/0218434 A1 discloses an employee database that contains management position information.

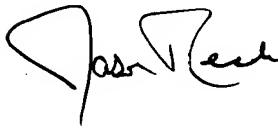
Fleming et al. U.S. Pat. 6,523,035 B1 discloses integrating a plurality of utilities into a single user interface.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Recek whose telephone number is (571) 270-1975. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frantz Coby can be reached on (571) 272-4017. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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